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DATE: 22 OCTOBER 1973
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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST HOSTILITIES
REFERENCE: DIA ANALYSIS
1. GENERAL
A. (S/NFD) THE ISRAELI TASK FORCE OPERATING WEST OF THE SUEZ CANAL HAS AGAIN BEEN SLOWED. IDF FORCES REMAIN ASTRIDE THE CAIRO-ISMAILIA DESERT ROAD AND THE NORTHERN ROAD FROM CAIRO TO SUEZ CITY. ISRAELI ARTILLERY CAN NOW INTERDICT THE RAIL LINE AND THE SOUTHERN ROAD BETWEEN CAIRO AND SUEZ CITY; HOWEVER, THE ISRAELIS HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SEVER ALL EGYPTAIN LINES OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THEIR FORCES ON THE WEST BANK AND EAST BANK. ON THE EAST BANK, ISRAELI CLAIMS TO HAVE PUSHED THE EGYPTIANS INTO TWO ENCLAVES -- ONE IN THE AREA NORTH OF FIRDAN AND THE OTHER BETWEEN THE LITTLE BITTER LAKE AND SUEZ CITY.
B. (SM) THE SYRIAN FRONT REMAINED RELATIVELY QUIET YESTERDAY, WITH AN APPARENT ISRAELI HELIBORNE RAID ON THE MOUNT HERMON AREA BEING THE MAJOR EVENT.

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B. CEASE-FIRE RESOLUTION.
(U) THE US AND USSR AGREED TO REQUEST AN IMMEDIATE UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH TIME A JOINT RESOLUTION TO END THE WAR WOULD BE SUBMITTED. THE JOINT RESOLUTION IS THE RESULT OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER'S DISCUSSIONS IN MOSCOW AND WAS SUBMITTED TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AT A MEETING WHICH CONVENED AT APPROXIMATELY 2200 EDT. A UN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CEAE-FIRE-IN-PLACE WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL (CHINA DID NOT PARTICIPATE) AT APPROXIMATELY 0100 EDT ON 22 OCTOBER. SUBSEQUENT PRESS ACCOUNTS FROM TEL AVIV INDICATE THAT ISRAEL HAS ANNOUNCED ITS READINESS TO ACCEPT A CEASE-FIRE ON THE BASIS OF THE SECURITY COUCIL'S RESOLUTION. UNCONFIRMED REPORTS INDICATE EGYPT MAY BE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION; HOWEVER, SYRIA'S ATTITUDE IS STILL UNCLEAR AT THIS TIME. IN THE MEANTIME, US SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS DEPARTED MOSCOW FOR TEL AVIV.
2. EGYPTIAN FRONT
A. (S/NFD) ISRAELI CLAIMS OF 21 OCTOBER TO HAVE CUT ALL LINES OF COMMUNICATION TO ISMAILIA AND SUEZ CITY NOW APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN PREMATURE. USDAO TEL AVIV REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT THE IDF CONTROLS THE GENERAL AREA FROM 30-33N 32-08E TO 30-30N 31-58E AND 30-15N 32-00E TO THE NORTHERN ROAD FROM CAIRO TO SUEZ CITY, ALONG THE ROAD UP TO JINEIFA (30-09N 32-27E), AND FINALLY SOUTHEAST TO 30-10N 32-30E. MAXIMUM DEPTH OF THIS PENETRATION IS APPROXIMATELY 33 KILOMETERS (18 NM.). THE ISRAELI ADVANCE TO THE NORTHERN CAIRO-SUEZ CITY ROAD BRINGS THEM WITHIN ARTILLERY RANGE OF THE MORE SOUTHERLY RAIL AND HIGHWAY LINES LEADING TO SUEZ CITY.
B. (S/NFD) THE IDF WEST BANK FORCES MAY HAVE USED 21 OCTOBER AS A DAY FOR RESUPPLY AND REORGANIZATION, AS THEY APPARENTLY DID ON THE 19TH. FAYYID AIRFIELD, LOCATED WEST OF THE GREAT BITTER LAKE, IS NOW IN USE BY THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE.
C. (S/NFD) THE BULGE FORMED BY ISRAELI FORCES OPERATING WEST OF THE CANAL POSES A DEFENITE THREAT TO THE CAIRO AREA AND TO REMAINING EGYPTIAN LINES OF COMMUNICATION TO THE EAST BANK. THE ISRAELIS ESTIMATE THAT THERE ARE 200 EGYPTIAN TANKS FACING THEIR WEST BANK FORCE.
D. (S/NFD) ON THE EAST BANK, THE IDF ATTACKED NORTH INTO THE AREA CONTROLLED BY THE EGYPTIAN 16TH INFANTRY DIVISION. ACCORDING TO AN IDF SPOKESMAN, THE GAP OPENED IN THE EGYPTIAN

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BRIDGEHEAD NOW EXTENDS FROM 30-42N 32-20E SOUTH TO 30-14N 32-33E (FROM THE FIRDAN AREA IN THE NORTH TO THE LITTLE BITTER LAKE, THIS WOULD LIMIT THE EGYPTIANS TO TWO ENCLAVES ON THE EAST BANK, THE NORTHERN ONE, EXTENDING FROM APPROXIMATELY THE EL KANTARA AREA TO FIRDAN, HAS A MAXIMUM DEPTH OF 10 KILOMETERS IN THE NORTH AND NARROWS APPARENTLY ONLY FIVE KILOMETERS IN THE FIRDAN AREA. THE SOUTHERN ENCLAVE EXTENDS FROM THE LITTLE BITTER LAKE AREA TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY SIX KILOMETERS SOUTHEAST OF SUEZ CITY, WITH A DEPTH OF FIVE TO EIGHT KILOMETERS. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SOME POCKETS OF EGYPTIAN UNITS MAY REMAIN BETWEEN THE TWO EGYPTIAN ENCLAVES. THE IDF BELIEVES THAT THERE ARE 450 EGYPTIAN TANKS EAST OF THE CANAL, AND THAT THE EGYPTIAN ARMY STILL SHOWS NO GENERAL SIGNS OF DEMORALIZATION.

E. (U) EGYPTIAN MAJ BEN MUKHTAR BRIEFED THE NES MEDIA THAT THE ISRAELI TASK FORCE HAS ADVANCED ONLY 9.5 KILOMETERS (5.2 NM,) AND IS CURRENTLY SURROUNDED IN TWO SMALL POCKETS IN EGYPT. ALSO, MUKHTAR STATED THAT NO MAJOR ROADS HAVE BEEN CUT BY THE IDF. OTHER CAIRO PRESS REPORTS SAY THE OUTCOME OF THE WAR WILL BE DETERMINED BY TANK BATTLE(S) IN THE CENTRAL SECTOR ON THE SUEZ EAST BANK. PUBLICLY, EGYPT CLAIMED THAT ISRAEL HAS LOST 303 AIRCRAFT, 25 HELOCOPTERS, 600 TANKS, 400 ARMORED VEHICLES, AND 23 SHIPS IN THE WAR. THE IDF SPOKESMAN REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT EGYPTIAN LOSSES ARE 60 TANKS, 17 AIRCRAFT, AND SEVERAL SAM BATTERIES.

F. (S/NFD) THE ISRAELIS NOW BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE NO SAMS OPERATING ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CANAL FROM EL KANTARA NORTH TO PORT SAID AND FROM KABRIT (29-40N 33-19E) TO SUEZ CITY.

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3. SYRIAL FRONT

A. (S/NFD) THE IDF CHIEF OF FOREIGN LIAISON DESCRIBED, AT 211945Z, THE ISRAELI PENETRATION OF SYRIA AS EXTENDING FROM MAZARATT BEIT YAM (33-18N 35-56E) TO SAASSA (33-17N 36-02E), TO KAFR NASEG (33-09N 36-02E), TO EL HARRA (33-03N 36-00E), TO WITHIN TWO KILOMETERS SOUTH OF THE DAMASCUS-QUNEITRA ROAD ON A LINE PARALLEL TO THE CEASE-FIRE LINE, THEN BACK TO THE CEASE-FIRE LINE ON A LINE PARALLEL TO THE DAMASCUS-KUNEITRA ROAD. HE

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ALSO REPORTED THAT THE ISRAELIS CONTROL THE KAFAR NASEG-KAFAR CHAMS (30-07N 36-07E) ROAD, AND THAT THE IDF HAD PENETRATED SYRIAN LINES IN THE VICINITY OF AUM BOTMA (30-07N 35-53E).

B. (C/NFD) THE IAQI FORCE IN SYRIA IS EQUAL TO TWO DIVISION-SIZE UNITS. THE 3D ARMORED DIVISION HAS 12,000 MEN AND 212 TAKS. ITS ORGANIC UNITS ARE THE 6TH ARMORED BRIGADE, 12TH ARMORED BRIGADE, AND 8TH MECHANIZED INFANTRY BRIGADE, AND IT HAS BEEN AUGMENTED BY ADVANCE ELEMENTS FROM THE 6TH ARMORED DIVISION -- THE 16TH AND 30TH ARMED BRIGADES. THE OTHER DIVISION-EQUIVALENT IS ACTUALLY AN INFANTRY DIVISION TASK FORCE WITH 14,000 MEN AND 48 TANKS. ITS SUBORDINATE UNITS ARE THE 5TH MOUNTAIN INFANTRY BRIGADE OF THE 4TH MOUNTAIN DIVISION, THE 20TH INFANTRY BRIGADE OF THE 5TH INFANTRY DIVISION, THE 1ST TANK BATTALION OF THE 1ST INFANTRY DIVISION, A SPECIAL FORCES BATTALION, THREE RANGER BATTALIONS, SEVEN REINFORCED FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALIONS, FOUR REINFORCED ADA BATTALIONS, AND AN ENGINEER BATTALION.

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TEL AVIV REPORTED THAT THE IAF YESTERDAY SHOT DOWN SIX MIG-21/FISHBEDS AND TWO MIG-17/FRESCOS, WHILE THE SAF SHOT DOWN TWO OF ITS OWN FISHBEDS. THIS IS NOT REFLECTED IN OTHER SOURCES. 25X1

4. OTHER ARAB ACTIVITY 25X1

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